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¶1. This is an action cable.

¶2. Washington understands that as a result of informal meetings, the JCG chair plans to issue a revised draft contribution for the declaration for the OSCE Ministerial Council meeting (text in para 4, below). Mission may join consensus in the JCG on this text.

¶3. In a conversation here in Washington, the Georgian embassy noted Tbilisi's concern that the reference to "the existing draft package solution" was not clear and suggested that Georgia may propose changing that to "the Parallel Actions Package" or seeking an alternate clarification. Mission may accept a simple reference to the Parallel Actions Package, but should not/not allow the Package to be attached to the JCG decision. We do not want the Parallel Actions Package to be the subject of discussion in the JCG.

¶4. Text of JCG chair's draft revised contribution:
We are seriously concerned by the continuing stalemate over the CFE regime which has a key role to play in strengthening stability and co-operative security in Europe. We note the ongoing suspension of the operation of the CFE Treaty by one State Party, and we recognize the need for intensified efforts to overcome the current impasse. While hoping that full implementation of the Treaty will be resumed as soon as possible, we encourage all States Parties to work together on the basis of the existing draft package solution to create conditions to enable the prompt entry into force of the Adapted CFE Treaty and the restoration of the viability of this landmark regime.

End text of JCG chair's draft revised contribution
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